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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Peabody,
qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 10th, 1873, it was

VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody In-
stitute, together with the accompanying documents, be accepted,
and that the same be printed for distribution.

A true copy of record,

Attest :

N. H. POOR, TOWN CLERK.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees of the PEABODY INSTITUTE respectfully present to the Town their twenty-first Annual Report.

For information respecting the financial condition of the Institute, and details relative to the Library and Lyceum Departments, with suggestions concerning the same, we refer you to the Reports of our Treasurer and of the "Lyceum and Library" and Sub-Committees respectively, all of which are made part of this Report.

From the Treasurer's Report it will be seen that the funds are well invested, and that the finances of the Institute are sufficient to meet all its reasonable wants.

The only change in the real property during the year has been the purchase of the Hammond estate, which gives the Institute entire control of all the property west of the Institute building, and included within Wallis and Mill streets. This purchase was made from the reserved fund, and in no way affects the fund from which the current expenses are derived.

The Trustees shared in the general disappointment of having the Library closed for so long a time, including nearly four months of the past year, for the purpose of preparing the catalogue.

We anticipate no occasion for further interruption of this kind, and none at all except the annual closing in summer, for calling in and examination of the books.

Something should be said respecting the reading room which has been proposed, and referred to in previous reports. Every plan has been considered for adapting the

west Committee room to this object, and steps were actually taken for that purpose, but it was found that the room was altogether too small for any reasonable accommodations, and incapable of proper ventilation for use as a reading room. The room is also very much needed for a Committee room, and for purposes connected with the Library, which is rapidly increasing and will soon need the whole space upon the floor, including both ante-rooms.

If a reading room is to be provided, one entirely different and much larger than this will be required. It has been suggested that a wing be added to the main building which shall be exclusively devoted to this purpose, and this will probably be done as soon as the available means shall accrue from the reserved fund. With such a room, in addition to our present advantages, the appointments of the Institute would be complete, and no doubt would be fully appreciated by the public.

We wish to make special mention of the lectures of the last course. These have been of a much higher order than usual, particularly in the scientific department. Our Committees have sometimes avoided this class of lectures, upon the supposition that they were not popular and not desired by the lecture-going community; but this opinion has been proved unfounded in fact.—The scientific lectures of the last season have proved beyond question that of all subjects these are the most popular, and the best appreciated, especially when presented with that interest and enthusiasm which characterize those of Messrs. Bolles and Ebell. The public have already learned that science has become a necessary part of a common education, and that those princi-

ples which, to our fathers, were mere speculation and theory, have become common facts of every day life, and enter into the practical operations of agriculture and the mechanical industries, so that what was formerly the study of the scholar and the man of leisure, has become necessary to the education of the intelligent mechanic. In view of these facts we hope and believe that the scientific department, as represented in the Lyceum and Library will become the centre of our educational influences.

The Library Committee report an increase in general interest in the library, as indicated by the number of borrowers which is larger each successive year.

The Sutton Library has received valuable additions during the year, and already has a reputation beyond the limits of our own town, which attracts visitors from every part of the Commonwealth.

We cannot too often be reminded of the value of the advantages we possess in every branch of the Institution, and which are rarely found in any community.— And so far as lies in our power, let us work to preserve so sacred an inheritance, by devoting ourselves to its duties, and by increasing its usefulness, and lest we should lose sight of this in our pursuit of material prosperity, let us in our thanksgivings to a kind Providence for the blessings of returning Spring, and for the golden harvests of Autumn, send up our gratitude for that noble life which has enriched us and which has done so much to cancel the debt due from the present to future generations.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Trustees,

BENJ. C. PERKINS.

The Treasurer respectfully presents to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute the four annexed accounts, pertinent to the financial year ending February the 27th, A. D., 1872:

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. Osborne, Treas.

1872.

Dr.

M'ch	17,	To paid Thomas Pinnoek, slater, repairs,	\$5 92
	19,	" Henshaw & Brother, one \$1000 bond, Boston City 6 per ct., currency, No. 652, of Jan'y, 1880, Water Loan,	1010 00
		Interest accrued on said No. 652,	13 00
	23,	" Ly. and Lib. Com. draft, catalogue appropri'n .	1000 00
	26,	" D. B. Lord, Jr., altering and fitting gas pipe . .	8 50
April	1,	" Gas bill, 3 months, to April,	63 72
	3,	" J. H. Teague, janitor, 3 months, to April 1, . .	175 00
	6,	" C. G. Folsom, carpenter, wk. on library, \$167 11	
		" " " house,	8 31
			175 42
	25,	" Franklin Ins. Co., No. 39 697, on books, \$1150 00	
		" " bust of G. P.,	400 00
		" " portrait,	150 00
			12 75
May	1,	" Wm. Blaney, papering in brick house,	11 40
	10,	" Lyceum and Library Committee draft,	1000 00
	28,	" Bond No. 724, city of Charlestown, of \$1000 00, dated January 1, 1872, water loan, 20 years, at 99 3-4 currency,	997 50
		Interest accrued on above No. 724, 4 27-30ths ms. .	24 50
June	7,	" Ireland's bill, 2 cuspidores,	4 00
July	1,	" Gas bill, 3 months, to July 1,	17 64
	8,	" Potter, Batchelder & Co., coal in March and April, \$39 00; in June, \$160 00,	199 00
		" J. H. Teague, janitor, 3 months, to July, . . .	175 00
	26,	" C. G. Folsom, extra in full for fitting up ante-rooms in hall,	150 00
	18,	" Aqueduct,	13 50
Aug't	12,	" Cassell, labor and material for June 28,	160 00
	13,	" Williams bill for sundries,	46 48
Sep'r	23,	" Lyceum and Library Committee draft,	1000 00
Oct'r	1,	" Gas bill, 3 months, to Oct. 1,	14 40
	5,	" Beckett & Holt, carpenters, per Grosvenor, . .	17 81
	7,	" J. H. Teague, janitor, 3 months,	175 00
		" J. H. Teague, bill for sundries from April to Sep.	14 80
Nov'r	9,	" B. M. Hills, carpenter work on brick house, . .	3 43

Nov'r 19,	"	London Assurance Co., policy 314,248, for 5 ys:	
		On hall, brick and slate, 2 1-4c, \$7000—	\$157 50
		On Library,	45 00
		On piano and furniture,	3 00
		On large bust of G. P.,	4 00
		On portrait of Everett, 3 p. ct. .	15 00
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			\$5350—\$160 50
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			318 00
Dec'r 13,	"	Liverpool and London and Globe Co., policy	
		On hall, of brick, &c., \$8000 at 2 1-4, \$180 00	
		On Library,	50 00 at 3 p.ct,
		On portrait of G. P., . 1000 at 3 p.ct, \$180 00	
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			360 00
20,	"	Lyceum and Library Committee, draft,	1500 00
1873.			
Jan'y 1,	"	Gas bill, 3 months, to January,	66 60
2,	"	J. H. Teague, janitor, 3 months,	175 00
4,	"	H. P. Ives, house paper,	7 50
9,	"	S. Trask, mason work on hall and houses,	45 14
	"	S. Brown, 4 stone posts, street front,	60 00
11,	"	Wm. Blaney, painting on brick house, . \$57 47,	
		On the Merrill house,	60 90
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			117 47
	"	Aqueduct water bill, \$13 50; fixings in brick	
		house, \$8 84	22 34
30,	"	Lyceum and Library Com., draft for catalogue .	1000 00
	"	Salem Mutual Fire Ins. Co. assessment on policy	
		No. 10,301, for Sutton Library, Boston fire loss	75 00
Feb'y 3,	"	C. Simonds, for coach hire, June, 1869, and 1872,	17 00
13,	"	Merchants and Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co'y of	
		Worcester, No. 47,414, assessment for Sutton	
		Library, occasioned by Boston fire,	40 00
19,	"	Nathaniel Annable, iron work,	1 25
	"	Petty expenses, &c., postage, stamps, travel, &c.,	7 00
21,	"	C. G. Folsom, carpenter work on houses and hall,	122 16
24,	"	Cash loan to Reserved Fund acct	618 11
	"	Transfer Boston City Bond, No. 652, to Invested	
		Fund acct	1010 00
		Balance cash to new acct,	680 92
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			\$12,732 26

1872.

Cr.

Feb'y 26,	By Balance from former account,	\$2824 95
April 3,	" Rents fm sun. persons, and the janitor for use of hall,	130 00

April	3,	"	Rent of Th. T. Robson from Jan. 23 to Ap. 1, \$46 53	
	5,	"	Rent of Teague, 3 months,	25 00
	6,	"	Rent of D. P. Grosvenor, Jr.,	62 50
		"	Rent of D. B. Galloupe,	68 75
				<hr/> 202 78
	26,	"	Dividend on 3 shares Warren National Bank	18 00
		"	Use of hall per janitor, viz: A. Gould, . . . \$15 00	
			Universalist So'y, 15 00	
			Mr. Newhall, . . . 20 00	
				<hr/> 50 00
May	10,	"	Town of Peabody, 6 mos. int. on \$70,000 to Ap. 6, '72,	2450 00
July	7,	"	Rents, 3 months, to July 1, viz: Galloupe, . . \$68 75	
			Grosvenor, . . . 62 50	
			Teague, . . . 25 00	
			Robson, . . . 62 50	
				<hr/> 218 75
	3,	"	Coupon, 6 mos, Charlestown, \$1000 bond, No. 724, .	30 00
		"	Coupon, 6 mos, Boston, \$1000 bond, No. 652, . . .	30 00
	11,	"	Inter't 6 mos, to July 1, on 4 certificates, \$5000 each,	
			Mass. Registered bonds, 5 per cent, . . . \$500 00	
			Gold Premium, 13 7-8,	69 37½
				<hr/> 569 37
		"	Interest 6 mos. on 8 Mass. 5 per cent. bonds,	
			\$1000 each, \$200 00	
			Gold premium, 13 7-8,	27 75
				<hr/> 227 75
Aug't	5,	"	Cash, net sale of Charlestown \$1000 bond,	
			No. 724, at 98 7-8ths, \$988 75	
			Interest to Aug. 3d, 1 3-31 mos.,	11 00
				<hr/> 999 75
Oct'r	1,	"	Rents, 3 months, to Oct. 1, viz: Galloupe, . . \$68 75	
			Grosvenor, . . . 62 50	
			Teague, . . . 25 00	
			Robson, . . . 62 50	
				<hr/> 218 75
	14,	"	Dividend on 3 shares Warren National Bank, . . .	18 00
		"	Town of Peabody, 6 mos. int. on \$70,000, to Oct. 6,	2450 00
Dec.	28,	"	Cash, tax refunded,	5 54
			1873.	
Jan'y	1,	"	Rents to January 1, 1873, viz: Grosvenor, . . \$62 50	
			Galloupe, . . . 68 75	
			Robson, . . . 62 50	
			Teague, . . . 25 00	
			Use of hall, . . . 100 00	
				<hr/> 318 75
	10,	"	Inte't 6 mos. on Boston \$1000 bond, No. 652, curren'y	30 00

Jan'y 10, "	Inte't 6 mos. to Jan'y 1, 1873, on 4 certificates, \$5000 each; Mass. Registered Bonds, \$1000 each, Nos. 83 to 86, inclusive,	\$500 00	
	Gold premium, 12 1-8	60 62	
			560 62
10, "	Coupons, 6 months int. on 8 Mass. 5 per cent. \$1000 bonds, Nos. 481 to 488, inclusive . .	\$200 00	
	Premium, 12 1-8	24 25	
			224 25
Feb'y 20, "	Reimbursement from treasurer of Sutton Libra- ry for paid assesments of insurance, Salem Mutual, (occasion of Boston fire in Nov'r,) .	\$75 00	
	Merchants and Mechanics Mutual, Worces'r, .	40 00	
			115 00
22, "	Use of hall, per Teague, by Saunders' Band in Jan'y, .	30 00	
"	Boston City Bond, No. 652, as cost on Mch. 19, 1872, .	1010 00	
			\$12,732 26

E. E. PEABODY, Feb. 24, 1873.

GEORGE OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

We have compared the above items with the vouchers, and find the foregoing account correct.

Attest:

G. A. OSBORNE,
STEPHEN BLANEY, } Committee
EDWARD W. JACOBS, } on
Finance.

RESERVED FUND ACCOUNT.

[ESTABLISHED MARCH, 1870.]

"Reserved Fund" of Trustees of Peabody Inst. in acct. with G. Osborne, Treas.

1872.

	Gold,	Dr. Currency.
Aug't 5, To transferred to the purchaser, 16 shares Philadelphia, Wilmington and Balti- more R. R., in 2 certificates, Nos. 13.- 243 and 14,084, that cost		\$827 88
To transferred to the purchaser, Charles- town City Bond, No. 582, for \$1000, which cost		1012 50
To cash paid for Hammond Estate Deed, situate on Wallis St., adjunct Institute estate,		3550 00
7, To paid for recording deed, as above, . .		75

Oct'r 14, To paid South Danvers Mutual Fire Ins. Co. for policy on \$550 for 7 years, No. 4,280, Hammond house,		12 00
1873.		
Jan'y 9, To paid S. Trask, mason, work on Ham- mond house,		62 58
11, To paid W. Blaney, painting house, fence and shed,		229 87
Feb'y 21, To paid C. G. Folsom, carpenter work on house, fence, &c.,		129 59
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		\$5825 17
On hand, 20 Gold Bonds, \$1000 each, . .	\$20,000 —	
Hammond's estate, cost, . . .	\$3550 00	
Deduct loan from curen'y act, 618 11		2931 89
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	\$20,000 —	\$8757 06
1872.		
	Gold.	Cr. Currency.
Feb'y 26, By balance from late account,	\$20,000 —	\$2,033 97
July 3, " Coupon Charleston Bond No. 582, .		30 00
" 6, " Dividend on 16 shares Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, . .		32 00
" 11, " 6 mos. interest to July 1, 1872, on 4 Certificates, \$5000 each, Registered Massachusetts Bonds, \$500 00		
Add gold premium,	69 37	
	<hr/>	569 38
Aug. 5, By cash net sales of 16 shares Philadel- phia, Baltimore & Wilmington Rail- road, at 57,		912 00
" 5, " Cash net sales Charlestown City Bond of \$1000, No. 582, at 98½, . . . \$988 75		
Interest, 1 3-30 months,	11 00	
	<hr/>	999 75
1873.		
Jan'y 2, By rent of Calvin Lord, 2 mos. to Jan. 1,		33 33
" 10, " Interest, 6 mos., to Jan. 1, 1873, on 4 Certificates, \$5000 each, Nos. 79 to 82 inclusive, \$500 00		
Gold premium,	60 62	
	<hr/>	560 63
Feb'y 15, By rent of W. B. Hammond, from August 5th to October 10th,		36 00
By Deed of Hammond Estate,		550 00
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E. E. PEABODY, February 24th, 1873.	\$20,000 00	\$8,757 00

GEORGE OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

THE "EBEN DALE SUTTON LIBRARY FUND" OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.

Endowed by Mrs. Eliza Sutton of Peabody, accepted by and under the personal presence and auspices of George Peabody, Esq., of London, England, on the 15th of October, A. D., 1866. The Fund, Twenty Thousand Dollars, in Boston City 5 per cent. Gold Bonds.

1872.	<i>In account with Geo. Osborne, Treasurer.</i>	Dr.
April 26, To paid G. A. Osborne, Treasurer of Lyceum and Library Committee, gold interest on \$20,000 to April 1st, 1872,		\$500 00
Oct. 16, To paid G. A. Osborne, Treasurer of Lyceum and Library Committee, gold interest, 6 mos., on \$20,000, to October 1st, 1872,		500 00
		<hr/> \$1000 00
1872.		Cr.
April 25, By 6 mos. gold interest coupon clips, to April 1, 1872,		\$500 00
Oct'r 16, By 6 mos. interest gold coupon clips, to Oct. 1st, 1872,		500 00
		<hr/> \$1000 00

E. E. PEABODY, February 24th, 1873.

GEORGE OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

THE PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.

Endowment of Geo. Peabody, Esq., of London, a native of this town. Donation two U. S. 5 per cent. 10-40 Bonds, amount \$2000. Income to furnish Medals for graduates of the High School.

1873.	<i>In account with George Osborne, Treasurer.</i>	Dr.
Feb. 20, To paid 4 gold coupons, 1 year's interest to March 1st, 1873, to Amos Merrill, Chairman of School Committee, as per credit,		\$100 00
		<hr/> \$100 00
1873.		Cr.
Feb. 20, By clip of 4 gold coupons from the two U. S. 10-40 5 per cent. Bonds, being interest 1 year to Mar. 1, 1873,		\$100 00
		<hr/> \$100 00

E. E. PEABODY, February 24th, 1873.

GEORGE OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

Invested Common and Special Funds of the Peabody Institute.

No. 1—Three shares Warren National Bank, at par,	\$300 00
2—Four Certificates, No. 83 to 86 inclusive, \$5000 each, of Registry of 40 Mass. 5 per cent. Coast Defence gold bearing \$1000 Bonds, No. 461 to 480 inclusive.	20,000 00
3—Eight Mass. 5 per cent. Coast Defence gold-bearing Bonds, No. 481 to 488 inclusive, of \$1000 each,	8,000 00
4—One Note Receivable, Town of Peabody, dated October 6, 1869, interest payable semi-annually,	70,000 00
5—Real Estate, comprising two dwelling houses with their lands, one of brick on the easterly side, one of wood on the westerly side of the land belonging to and on which the Institute Hall is located,	12,000 00
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	\$110,300 00
6—The Peabody Institute Hall and land, with its Libraries, Busts, Portraits and Cabinets of valuables, such as Queen Victoria's Miniature enameled on gold, in large burglar-proof steel safe, the Gold Tokens from the United States Congress, City of London, Guilds of London, Piano-forte, &c., &c., not appraised	
7—One Bond of Boston City, No. 652, Water Loan, 6 per cent. currency, due January 1st, 1880, cost,	1,010 00
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	\$111,310 00
8—The "Reserved Fund," inaugurated for continuous increase, which includes Hammond estate,	\$3,550 00
And Gold Bonds,	20,000 00
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	\$23,550 00
Less debt of a loan,	618 11
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	\$22,931 89
9—The High School Medal Fund, 2 U. S. 5 per cent. 10-40 Bonds,	2,000 00
10—The "Eben Dale Sutton" Library Fund,	20,000 00

Amount exclusive of No. 6. \$156,241 89
 E. E. PEABODY, February 24th, 1873.

GEORGE OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE :

The following is submitted as the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee for the year ending in February, 1873. Your attention is also invited to the suggestions and recommendations made by the Sub-Committees and Librarian, whose Reports, together with that of the Treasurer, are also laid before you.

It will always be a matter of interest to those having in charge the management of the affairs of the Institute, to watch for and mark the evidence of its success in accomplishing its mission among the community in which it has its abiding place. One sure indication of success will be the goodwill of the people, and the eagerness with which they avail themselves of its privileges. It is with something of this spirit of inquiry that we have been induced to turn over the statistics of a few years past, to learn how general is the use made of the Peabody Library. The result is an unbroken report of large annual additions to the lists of *permanent* borrowers, until their number has reached well nigh eighteen hundred names standing upon the ledger. If we compare these figures with the whole population of the town, disregarding for the moment the limits which the rules impose as to the age of borrowers, and call to mind the well-known fact that one borrower generally stands in most families for three or four readers at least, we shall easily come to the conclusion

that a very large majority of the whole population, who are able to read, actually enjoy the use of a well-appointed free library.

If we look a little more closely into the record, and endeavor to discover the character of the books chosen, we shall still find much reason for gratification, though we also see room for yet great improvement. We are, then, a community having access to, and making use of, thousands of good books which are fitted to satisfy the craving for knowledge, to improve the understanding, and refine the taste of their readers. Especially may this be true of young readers, if their choice of books is well directed, so as to keep pace with the increase of mental power. But if we look abroad into the community to find that improvement in the tone of society, which we look for as the final result of these advantages, we are forced to the conclusion that such influences are of slow growth, and that a generation, at least, should be allowed for their full development. Yet we shall always cherish, none the less zealously, the interests of this truly democratic library, almost the pioneer of its class, and give our best thoughts to the means of increasing its usefulness.

These reflections naturally lead to the subject of the re-arrangement of this library, and the publication of the new catalogue, which have been completed since our last report. We have expected excellent results of these last important steps in behalf of the library, and there are thus early indications that we are not destined to disappointment. The library was re-opened, with the use of the new catalogue, last May. The time consumed upon it, and the expense incurred, far exceeded our expectations, but we are satisfied that in no way at our command could we have reduced either the one or the other, without sacrificing some point of completeness that it was desirable in a work of such magnitude to secure. I feel constrained to say here, that discovering the heavy drain we were making upon the resources immediately available in your hands, I took the responsibility of a step which had the effect

to delay the closing of the account for that work, which I wish personally to assume.

We come now, once more, to the subject of a reading room in connection with this library. It will be recollected that in our last report we mentioned several points in which the arrangements for the reading room were still incomplete, especially the indispensable one, of some means of heating it, and explained that it was not desirable to depend upon the heat admitted through the door opening into the library room. These deficiencies are still unsupplied. We had supposed that the Trustees were fully committed, as well as ourselves, to the policy of such a feature of the Institute, and the Library Committee have viewed, with no little dissatisfaction, the necessity they have found, of suspending further steps in this direction, until it should be ascertained whether your Board wished to reverse its action upon this subject, of which we have received informally some intimation. A recent visit to the reading room of the Boston Public Library, has afforded to myself much confirmation of an opinion already formed, that such a reading room here would be sure to be patronized, much beyond what would at first be expected, not alone by students and scholars, but, as the visit referred to revealed, by an orderly class of citizens who earn their bread by their daily labor.

The Committee of the Sutton Library have continued the policy, hitherto pursued, by furnishing the library with Didot's fine edition of the Greek Classics, which includes the Septuaginta, or Greek translation of the Scriptures of the Old Testament; also the works of Chrysostom, one of the early fathers,—all in the original. These works are not to be found in any other library in this vicinity, hence their value.

The officials of the Institute have all performed their duties so as to merit our approbation.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. STIMPSON,

Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

Report of the Sub-Committee on the Library.

The Sub-Committee on the Peabody Library submit the following report, for the year ending February 1st, 1873.

The completion of the printing of the new catalogue, to which reference was made in our last report, occupied the first ten weeks of the past year. On the 8th of May, 1872, the library was re-opened, after having been closed about ten months, and from that time to the present has been open every day appropriate to its use, except on legal holidays. The recent and thorough examination to which the library had been submitted, in the preparation of the catalogue, seemed to render the annual July examination unnecessary, and for this reason it was omitted.

The opportunity was taken, during the quiet summer months, to replace many valuable works of fiction which had been worn out by constant use, and to replace missing volumes of standard works in other departments of the library. In this work the Committee are greatly indebted to Mr. J. W. Upton, for his most efficient services.

Your Committee are pleased to report that the new catalogue, and arrangement of the library, have proved very satisfactory during the seven months since the re-opening. The borrowers from the library, though larger in number than ever before, seemed to fall into the new system with great aptitude, and to fully appreciate the efforts which had been made to render the books more accessible. These matters are

discussed in the report of the Librarian, and the excellent effects of the new plan are clearly shown.

The additions to the library, by purchase, have numbered 502 volumes. These additions have been made in all departments of literature, works of fiction, as usual, preponderating, from the greater supply and demand for books of this class. In this direction the Committee endeavor to confine their purchases to books of more permanent value.

The Card Catalogue has been continued during the year, with the new books, after the same plan as in the preparation of the general catalogue, and from it, a supplement can be printed at any time, with little delay.

The want of shelf room is beginning to make itself seriously felt, and it is probable that during the present year some general plan will have to be adopted, by which the future growth of the library can be accommodated. The construction of triangular alcoves upon the floor, seems to offer the simplest and most efficient means of relief. These can be made low at first, so as to obscure the light as little as possible, and can be increased in height, as the wants of the library demand.

The room opening from the library, which was fitted for a reading room, has not yet been used for that purpose. It has been used, during the past year, as a Committee Room for the members of the Lyceum and Library Committee, and seems to answer admirably. For the uses of a reading room the apartment is, unfortunately, not well situated as to the main library room, and is not provided with the proper means of heating. It will require the expenditure of a further sum of money to make it properly available, and it seems desirable that this should be done as soon as it can be with economy and efficiency.

For the Committee,

J. H. OSGOOD, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Lectures.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE :

The Committee on Lectures respectfully submit their Annual Report.

The Committee organized April 22d, 1872, by the appointment of Henry H. Proctor, Chairman, and Byron Groce, Secretary.

The following is a list of the lectures, with their subjects, and the date of delivery of each lecture :—

Dec. 3d, 1872, Hon. THOMAS FITCH, of Nevada—"The Coming Empire."

Dec. 9th, 1872, Rev. E. C. BOLLES, D. D., of Salem—"Polarized Light."

Dec. 16th, Rev. W. H. H. MURRAY, of Boston—"My Creed."

Dec. 31st, Rev. J. P. NEWMAN, D. D., of Washington, D. C.—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Jan. 14th, 1873, Mons. E. C. DUBOIS, of Boston—"My Budget of Blunders."

Jan. 20th, Dr. A. J. EBELL, of New York, afternoon—"Divisions of Nature."

Jan. 20th, Dr. A. J. EBELL, evening—"Birthday and Early Life of Our World."

Jan. 21st, Dr. A. J. EBELL, forenoon—at High School Room—"Crystals."

Jan. 21st, Dr. A. J. EBELL, afternoon—continuation of 1st lecture, and "How to Study Plants."

Jan. 21st, Dr. A. J. EBELL, evening—"The Ocean ; its Forces and Life."

Jan. 23d, Dr. A. J. EBELL, afternoon—"How to Study Shells."

Jan. 23d, Dr. A. J. EBELL, evening—"The Architecture of Vertebrates."

Jan. 24th, Dr. A. J. EBELL, afternoon and evening—"Insects."

Jan. 28th, EDMUND YATES, of London, England—"The British Parliament."

February 4th, Rev. WASHINGTON GLADDEN, of New York—"Good Gold."

March 14th, GEORGE MACDONALD, of London—"Robert Burns."

The lectures have been well attended, and have given satisfaction. The Committee consider that the course has been very successful. We were particularly fortunate in securing the course of Scientific Lectures by Dr. Ebell. One of these was given in the forenoon to the pupils of the High School. Four were given in the afternoon, to which the pupils of the High School, and the higher classes of the Grammar Schools, and the public were invited. All of Dr. Ebell's lectures were intensely interesting. We hope our Institute series will, in future, embrace each year several lectures on scientific subjects.

The amount paid for the lectures was \$835. In addition to this amount, there is the expense of \$30 for the police force, who have been in attendance as ushers; and we are happy to state that the order has been good.

The practice of employing lecturers through the agency of Lecture Bureaus, increases the expense, and we would here state that the anticipations raised by reading the circulars so elegantly prepared, are not always realized. While it is very desirable that new lecturers may be obtained each year, yet we feel that many of the lectures given in Lyceum Courses are of but little value, and that great care is needed in the selection of lecturers.

For the Committee,

HENRY H. PROCTOR, Chairman.

Peabody, February, 18th, 1873.

Librarian's Report.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE :

In accordance with the established rules and regulations for the government of the library of the Institute, I herewith present my Annual Report for the year ending February 1st, 1873.

The most notable occurrence of the year just past, relating to the Peabody Library, is the beginning of the use of the new catalogue, in the finding and delivery of books. This practical test of the value of the catalogue to those who seek after knowledge from our large and well-selected library, has been most gratifying. The search for any particular work generally leads the borrower to a shelf, where he finds himself among other works of kindred subjects, though of different treatment. From the time of the first delivery of books by the aid of the new catalogue, which was in May last, there has been more than the usual demand, the number delivered from that date to January 1st, 1873, amounting to 17,650 volumes.

It might have been expected that the inauguration of a new system, under which every book is known by a new number, and almost every one by a different locality, would give rise to some dissatisfaction. Such appears not to have been the case. On the contrary, there appeared to exist such an appreciation

of the merits of the new arrangement, that all seemed ready to fall into it without any symptoms of discontent, and, generally, with positive approbation.

Of the catalogue itself, it may well be said that this practical use of it for more than seven months, is an excellent exhibit of its plan and construction. Not that it is free from errors, as this is not to be expected of any work of its kind. The test of its use in the finding and delivery of books for more than half the year, shows that it is as free from mistakes as could reasonably be expected. This is all that is claimed for it, and that is due to the great care and patient industry of those who had charge of its compilation. It is to be regretted that more shelf room could not have been placed under the control of those entrusted with the new arrangement of the books, for the need of such space begins to be already felt, as new books are placed in the library.

The number of new names of applicants for cards, since the last report, is 486, which, however, comprises nearly two years. The number of accounts of borrowers, now standing on the ledger, is 1155. The amount of fines collected during the period above named, less than eight months, of the delivery of books, is \$54. It may here be remarked that these forfeitures have been paid by the borrowers with a readiness and freedom from complaint never before witnessed in the history of the library. It is, also, pleasant to be able to speak in commendatory terms of the general good demeanor of those who are applicants for books. The improvement in this particular is so marked as to deserve "honorable mention."

The number of books added to the Peabody Library, since the publication of the catalogue, has been 502.

These have all been entered on the accession and Card Catalogues, as well as upon the shelf lists. They have, also, been put upon the bulletin board, and on three manuscript supplements, to be kept upon the table for the convenience of borrowers. These supplements are always in great demand, inasmuch as they contain the titles and authorship of the latest

and freshest books to be found in the library. This demand is liable to increase, rather than diminish, and more supplements will be required.

An increased number of Periodicals were procured at the beginning of the year just passed, under the impression that they could be used in the reading room, which had been fitted up for that purpose in the south-westerly corner of the building. It was, however, found that the free access to the room by the general public, at library hours, would expose the books of the library room to misplacement and possible depreciation. People seem not to have time to devote to reading in the library room, but the more popular Monthlies are in great demand for circulation in numbers. It might be well to add to our list Lippincott's Magazine, for the popular department, and the New Englander, for the denominational.

The donations to the Peabody Library, not before reported, were, from Hon. Benj. F. Butler, twenty-four volumes; Rev. C. V. Hanson, eleven volumes; Hon. Charles Sumner, five volumes; Hon. Henry Wilson, three volumes; Hon. J. Eaton, Commissioner of Education, three volumes; H. B. Stratton, three volumes; New York Mercantile Library Association, Department of the Interior, Department of War, Department of Agriculture, Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Seventh-Day Adventist Society, Gen. A. A. Humphreys, Ezekiel P. Elliot, United States Census Bureau, W. F. Poole, Cincinnati, Congressional Library at Washington, Augusta I. Appleton, Mrs. S. L. A. Bradbury, R. H. Conwell, Newton Free Library, John N. Genin, Thomas H. Genin, of New York, E. C. Burbank, and "Cobden Club," London, one volume each.

F. POOLE, Librarian.

Library and Lyceum Committee of Peabody Institute, in acct. with

1872.	<i>G. A. Osborne, Treasurer.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
Feb'y 28,	To paid American Naturalist bill	\$15 00
28,	" Salem Press, for binding	5 00
Mar'ch 15,	" C. D. Howard, on account of printing Cata- logue	500 00
April 16,	" I. L. Fairbanks, for Catalogue Cards	17 45
16,	" Quarterly salary of Librarian,	250 00
16,	" Postage bill	4 72
24,	" C. A. Gilson, bill of periodicals	99 75
26,	" C. D. Howard, on account of printing Cata- logue	400 00
27,	" A. J. Appleton, for work on Catalogue	170 00
May 2,	" George A. Sanger, bill for services	25 00
7,	" W. H. Piper & Co., bill for books	119 74
7,	" Charles C. Dodge, bill for services	25 00
18,	" W. H. Piper & Co., bill for books	113 31
25,	" Jonathan Perley, bill for binding	39 36
June 20,	" D. H. Townsend's bill	5 80
July 1,	" E. C. Kimball, bill for services on Catalogue	420 00
3,	" Quarter's salary of Librarian	250 00
12,	" Postage	5 32
12,	" B. F. Stevens' bill	43
23,	" W. H. Piper & Co., for books	53 13
Aug. 1,	" " " "	39 98
13,	" " " "	46 47
13,	" " " "	7 50
13,	" Assistant Librarian	25 00
13,	" "	25 00
Sept. 10,	" Jonathan Perley, bill for binding	48 15
23,	" W. H. Piper & Co., bill for books	179 20
25,	" Expense to Boston, for selecting books	1 75
Oct. 1,	" Quarter's salary of Librarian	250 00
1,	" Postage bill	5 40
23,	" B. F. Stevens' & Co., bill	1 54
Nov. 1,	" Assistant Librarian	25 00
1,	" "	25 00
6,	" Estes & Lauriat, bill for books	51 20
6,	" " " "	67 68
Dec. 2,	" Two copies first part of Life of Christ	9 00
3,	" Hon. Thomas Fitch, for lecture	100 00
10,	" Rev. E. C. Bolles, for lecture	100 00
16,	" Rev. W. H. H. Murray, for lecture	100 00
31,	" Rev. J. P. Newman, for lecture	110 00

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Jan'y 1,	"	Quarter's salary of Librarian	250 00
1,	"	Jonathan Perley, bill for binding	42 40
1,	"	Frazier's Magazine, etc.	16 08
14,	"	E. C. Dubois, for lecture	50 00
14,	"	W. H. Piper & Co., bill for books	111 19
14,	"	Estes & Lauriat, bill for books	40 01
14,	"	Postage bill	2 36
15,	"	B. F. Stevens & Co.'s bill	3 02
24,	"	Prof. A. J. Ebell, for lecture	200 00
28,	"	Edmund Yates, for lecture	100 00
Feb. 4,	"	Rev. Washington Gladden, for lecture	75 00
4,	"	T. B. Townsend's bill	2 30
4,	"	Munroe & Arnold's bill	6 87
4,	"	Charles D. Howard, bill for printing	23 75
4,	"	" " " "	24 30
4,	"	Assistant Librarian's bill	25 00
4,	"	" " " "	25 00
7,	"	Charles A. Gilson, bill for periodicals	91 75
13,	"	F. Poole, bill for sundries	4 14
21,	"	C. D. Howard, bal. of bill for printing Catalogue	610 00
		Balance	701 43

\$6,141 48

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Feb'y 21,	By	Balance	\$587 48
M'ch 25,	By	draft on Trustees	1000 00
May 10,	By	" " "	1000 00
Sept. 23,	By	" " "	1000 00
Dec. 14,	By	" " "	1500 00

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Jan'y 20,	By	received for Fines	54 00
30,	By	draft on Trustees	1000 00

\$6,141 48

Feb'y 21,	By	Balance	701 43
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G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

	Dr.
To paid for Books	\$1083 44
“ “ Binding	129 91
“ Account Catalogue	2100 00
“ Librarian and Assistants	1200 00
“ for Lectures	835 00
“ “ Printing	48 05
“ “ Postage	17 80
“ “ Express	14 97
“ “ Incidentals	10 88
Balance	701 43
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By Balance	\$587 48
By drafts on Trustees	5500 00
By received for Fines	54 00
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	\$6,141 48
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By Balance	\$710 43

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Sub-Committee on the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library.

The Sub-Committee on the Sutton Library respectfully submit this, their Annual Report.

As it was designed by the donor of the “Eben Dale Sutton Library Fund,” that the advantages of the Eben Dale Sutton Library should not be limited to the citizens of Peabody, our predecessors and ourselves have kept this in mind in our selection of books.

The present Committee have added to the library, Didot's Edition of the Greek Classics, in the original. This edition, as far as published, is comprised in fifty-eight volumes, large octavo, printed in two columns, most of the volumes having in the right hand column a Latin translation of the Greek text. In addition to this work, the volumes necessary to complete sets have been purchased.

It has been the wish of the Committee to purchase some of the principal standard works in the French and German languages, but they have been unable to find desirable editions in Boston.

It was found, after several months' experiment, that the folio volumes of plates belonging to the fine edition of Audubon's Birds, were much injured by visitors, and, a few weeks since, they were withdrawn from the table where they had lain.

The Committee, after making an examination of several contrivances made for the purpose of displaying plates in portfolios, and folio plates in book form, obtained a plan from Mr. Rufus Sargent, of Newburyport, of a rack, so that the plates of Audubon can be used without damage. A rack made after this plan, will be sent to the library in a few days.

The Committee find, by the record of the Librarian, that about 750 persons have used the library during the past year; and, also, learn that the library room has been well warmed by the new furnace furnished for the especial use of the room.

The Superintendent and Librarian have performed their duties to the acceptance of the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. R. GALLOUPE, Chairman.

SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Library and Lyceum Committee of Peabody Institute, in acct. with

1872.		G. A. Osborne, Treasurer.	Dr.
April 3.	To paid	Quarter's salary of Librarian	\$50 00
16,	"	Quarter's salary of Superintendent	37 50
16,	"	Gas bill	10 08
May 30,	"	W. F. Draper's bill	4 00
31,	"	American Naturalist's bill	9 00
July 3,	"	Potter, Batchelder & Co.'s bill	19 00
3,	"	D. H. Townsend's bill	4 90
3,	"	Quarter's salary of Superintendent	37 50
3,	"	Quarter's salary of Librarian	50 00
12,	"	B. E. Stevens' bill	25
12,	"	" " "	70
19,	"	Gas bill	7 56
23,	"	W. H. Piper & Co.'s bill	283 28
27,	"	" " " "	45 00
Sep. 25,	"	Expenses to Newburyport and Boston	2 49
Oct. 1,	"	Gas bill	4 32
1,	"	Quarter's salary of Librarian	50 00
1,	"	Quarter's salary of Superintendent	37 50
5,	"	John H. Teague's bill	55 20
23,	"	B. F. Stevens & Co.'s bill	1 12
Nov. 13,	"	W. G. Smith	1 35
1873.			
Jan. 1,	"	Quarter's salary of Superintendent	37 50
1,	"	Gas bill	13 32
3,	"	Notes and Queries for 1873	6 51
9,	"	H. O. Warren's bill, coal	90 70
9,	"	Quarter's salary of Librarian	50 00
13,	"	Bibliotheca Sacra	4 00
15,	"	B. F. Stevens & Co.'s bill	50
27,	"	American Naturalist's bill	8 00
30,	"	D. H. Townsend's bill	60
30,	"	Munroe & Arnold's bill	3 65
30,	"	Merchants' and Tanners' M. F. Ins. Co. assessment	40 00
Feb. 17,	"	Salem M. F. Ins. Co. assessment	75 00
17,	"	Balance	267 99
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1872.			Cr.
Feb. 26,	By Balance		\$180 39
Ap'l 29,	By sale of \$500 coin coupons, being the April interest of Sutton Fund, a 111 $\frac{1}{2}$		563 75

Oct. 18, By sale of \$500 coin coupons, being the Oct. interest on
the Sutton Fund, a 112 $\frac{3}{4}$ 564 38

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1873.

Feb. 21, By Balance \$267 99

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT,

	Dr.
To paid for books	\$361 14
“ Librarian	200 00
“ Superintendent	150 00
“ Janitor	50 00
“ Coal	109 70
“ Gas	35 28
“ Express	9 15
“ Insurance	115 00
“ Stationery and Incidentals	10 26
“ Balance	267 99
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	\$1,308 52

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By Balance	\$180 39
By interest on Fund	1128 13
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	\$1,308 52

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Feb. 21. By Balance \$267 99

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

